

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner (1) continue examination of this case, (2) enter the previously submitted, but unentered, amendment filed on September 16, 2003, and (3) consider the following remarks.

Assertion of New Matter

The Examiner stated that the limitation of “conductive cooling” in Claims 1 and 31 added “new matter not originally presented”. In the specification, at page 9, lines 15-20 (and at page 14, lines 3-7), it is made clear that the reservoir may be cooled by the cooling source, if it is located “in close proximity” therewith. That language describes conductive cooling, and, along with the “cooling proximity” language of the claims, is intended to distinguish Boulter’s reclamation of harvest overflow water.

With regard to the “user access area . . . not presented as a combined user access area” language of Claim 20, Applicant is making clear what is intended by “separate” and “remote” in the claim. This language is supported by the very nature of the separate, remote unit examples given in the specification. For example, at page 4, lines 3-8, examples are given where the separate, remote unit may be a beverage dispenser or an ice maker. Similarly, at page 13, line 10 through page 14, line 13, examples such as ice machines, beverage dispensers, coffee machines, and bread steamers are used, all of which, of course, have user access areas – that is, areas where they are accessed by users. Moreover, FIGURE 6 shows the physical separation of the water using unit and the separate, remote unit(s), thus clearly supporting the “not presented as a combined user access area” language of Claim 20.

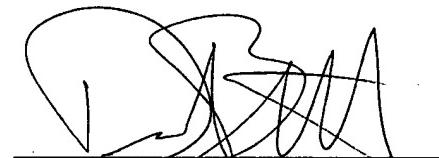
It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added by the use of these terms which are inherent in the examples and descriptions of the specification.

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